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
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1. Boxes of uranium ore received at the transshipment depot in Bad Blankenburg (N 50-41, E 11-16) were placed on a conveyor belt 20 m. in length (see Annex D) and transferred to the transshipment depot building where they were emptied into rail cars on the rail spur beneath the building. From there the ore was shipped, uncovered, to Johanngeorgenstadt (N 50-26, E 12-44) and Oberschlema (N 50-36, E 12-39) in the Erzgebirge for processing.
2. Construction of the Bad Blankenburg depot was started in summer 1952 and completed in December 1953. The depot operated in three shifts with about 30 persons working each shift. All workers lived in Bad Blankenburg and earned 400 East Marks per month. One Soviet officer was in charge of the Soviet military guards at the depot. Almost daily, two to four Soviet geologists arrived at the depot to inspect the uranium ore.

**4 Enclosures**

- Annex A - Pinpoint location of Transshipment Depot at Bad Blankenburg.  
 Annex B -  Sketch of Ore Transshipment Depot.  
 Annex C - Front View of Ore Transshipment Depot.  
 Annex D - Side View of Ore Transshipment Depot.

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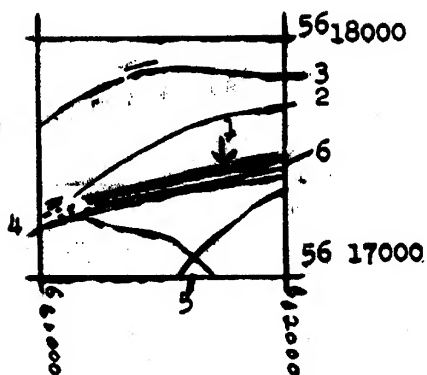
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Pinpoint Location of Transshipment  
Depot at Bad Blankenburg



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**Legend to Annex A**

1. Transshipment Depot, 200x70 m., where uranium ore was unloaded from Dietrichshutte, Hüttensteinach, Schmiedefeld, Lippelsdorf, Gebersdorf, Maura, Dörschnitz, Rohrbach, and Friedberg. The depot was about 700 m. east of the center of the Bad Blankenburg railway station.
2. Railroad Spur which lead from the Bad Blankenburg railway station to Schwarza (N 50-41, E 11-19).
3. A road three meters wide with gravel-packed surface which lead from Bad Blankenburg east to Schwarza.
4. Bad Blankenburg railway station.
5. Country roads, two meters wide with gravel surface.
6. A road, six meters wide with asphalt surface leading from Bad Blankenburg east to Saalfeld (N 50-39, E 11-21).

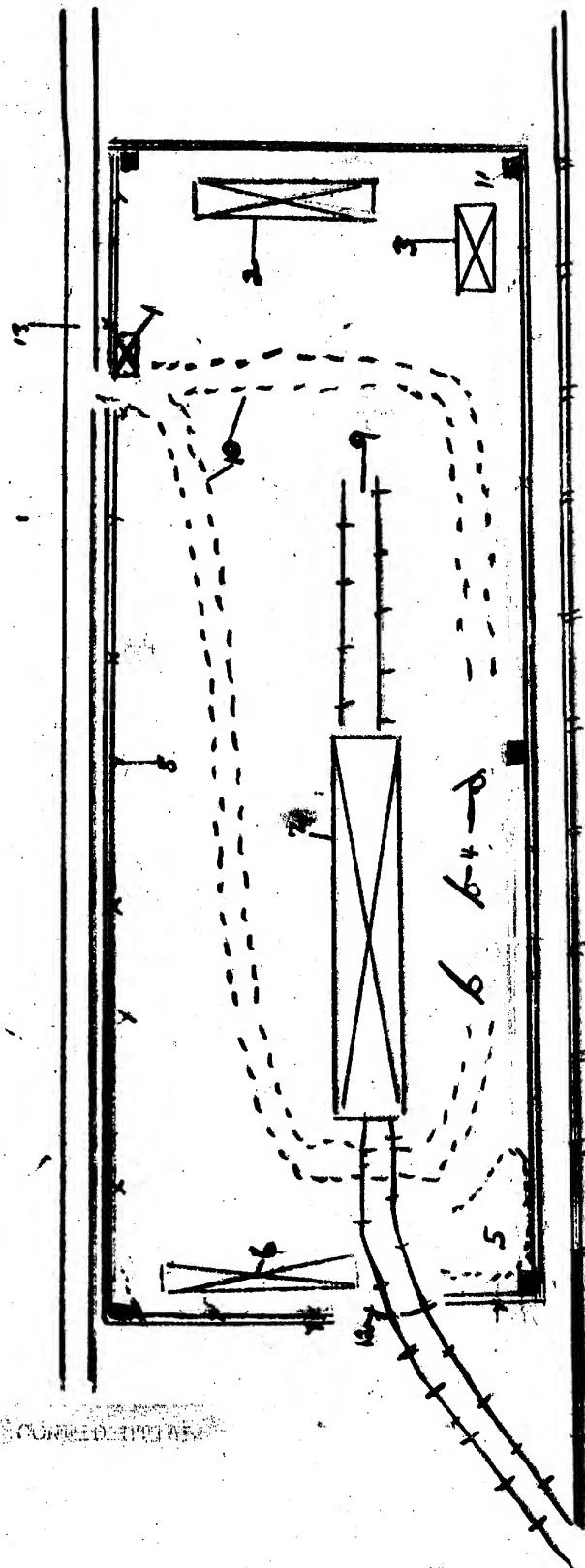
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Annex B  
Sketch of Ore Transshipment  
Depot in Bad Blankenburg

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**Legend to Annex B**

1. Wooden guard post, 7x4x3 m. which had one Soviet armed military guard in uniform on 24-hour duty to check all incoming and outgoing personnel.
2. Wooden billets, 30x7x4 m. with tar paper low-pitched gable roof and which contained locker rooms, messhall, administrative offices, and sleeping rooms.
3. Wooden fire station, 20x6x3.50 m. with a tar paper low-pitched gable roof. 25X1
4. Unloading area. Wooden boxes with uranium ore were unloaded at this point.
5. Open storage area for empty uranium ore boxes.
6. Wooden vehicle shed, 33x5x4 m, open on the sides.
7. Uranium ore transshipment depot, 65x12x15 m. This building was placed on five meter-high reinforced concrete columns. Immediately below the tar papered low pitched gable roof was a two meter-high corridor. Several windows were located on each side of the building at corridor level. Two railroad spurs led beneath the building and between the concrete support columns. (See Annexes C and D for  sketches of front and side views of the depot.) 25X1
8. Mesh wire double fence (one meter apart), 3.50 m. high, topped with barbed wire which enclosed the entire depot area.
9. Railroad spurs (same as Point 2, legend to Annex A).
10. Road, four meters wide with a timber and gravel surface.
11. Guard tower (one of five located inside the fence), seven meters high with a wooden foundation. It had a guard platform, or room which was 2x2x2 meters and had glass walls. One Soviet military guard in uniform, armed with submachine gun, was on 24-hour duty. The tower constructions were illuminated at night.
12. Entrance for railroad cars.
13. Road (same as Point 6, Legend to Annex A).

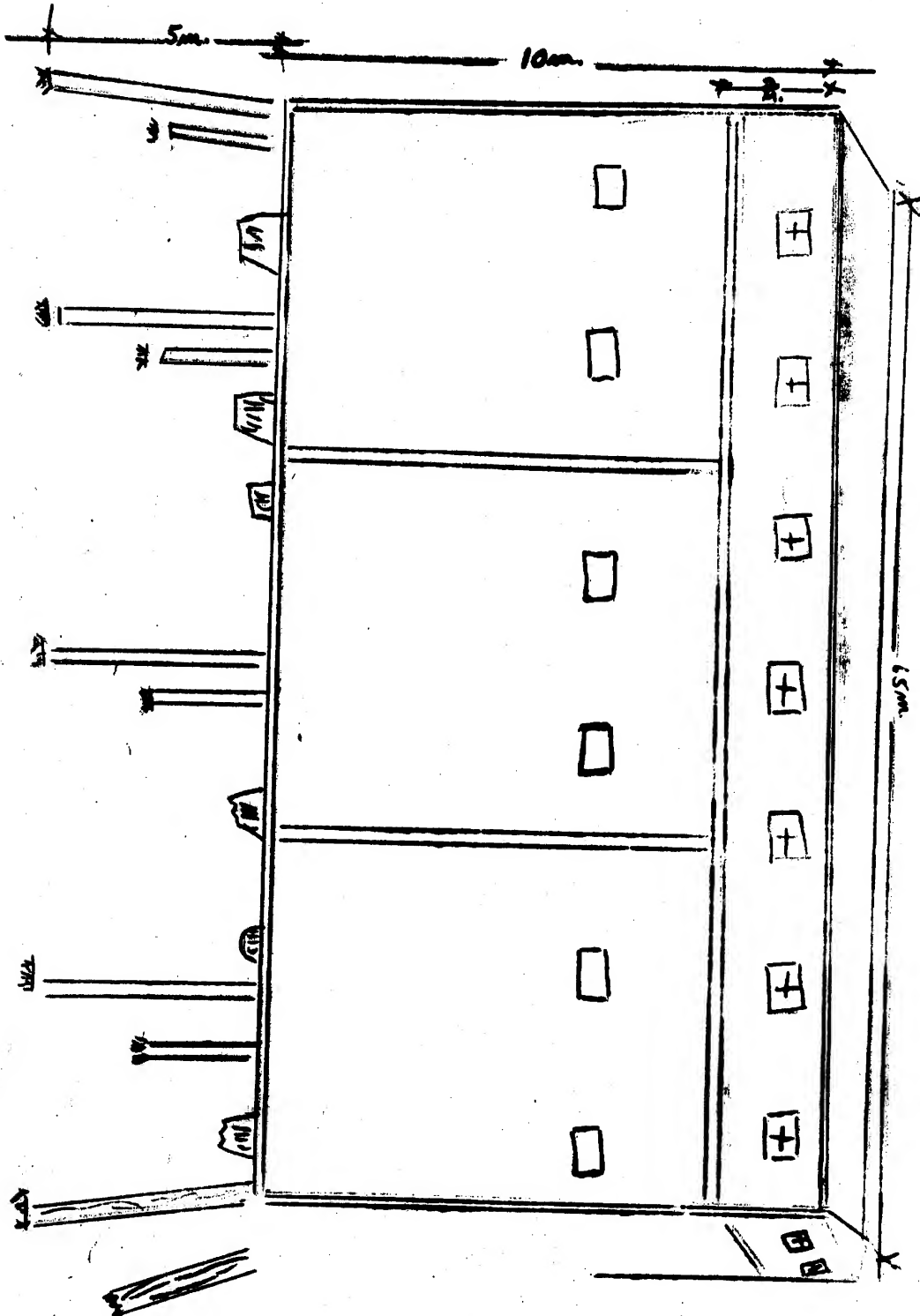
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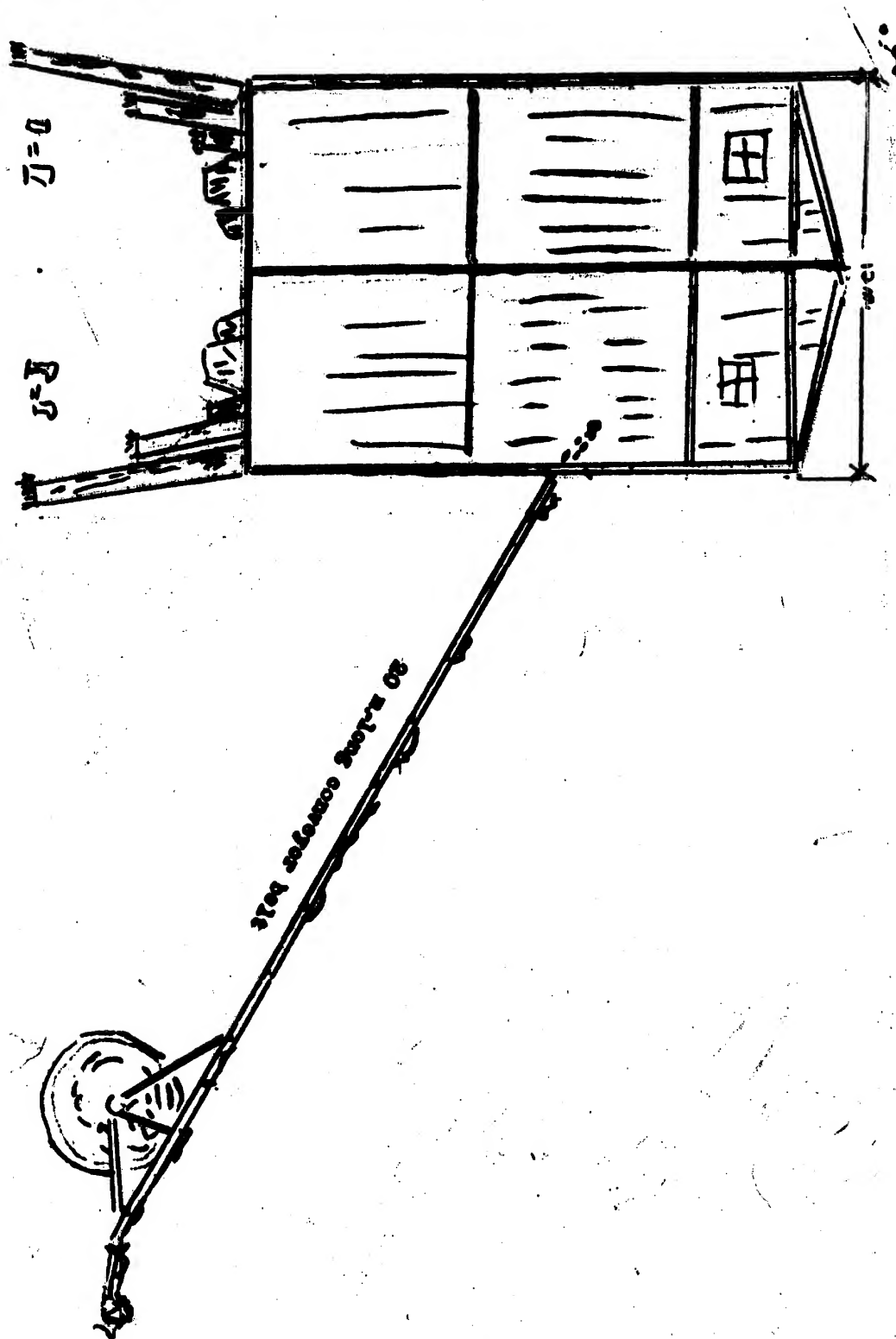
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Front View of Ore Transshipment Depot Bldg.  
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**Annex D**  
**Side View of Ore Transshipment Depot Bldg.**  
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